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## BEFORE THE MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Edward Garvey Chair
Joel Jacobs Commissioner
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In the Matter of Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company's Request for Approval of Certified Actual Costs Associated with the Itasca County 911 Emergency Telephone Services System ISSUE DATE: December 30, 1998

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## **PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On October 4, 1983, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) approved Itasca County's final plan for the establishment of a 911 Emergency Telephone Services System.

On September 24, 1985, the Commission approved the actual costs GTE Telephone Company (formerly known as Continental and Contel) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service for the Warba exchange in Itasca County.

On February 5, 1986, the Commission approved the actual costs People's Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Itasca County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved the initial costs U S West Communications (formerly Northwestern Bell) incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Service in Itasca County.

On March 11, 1986, the Commission approved the actual costs Northern Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Itasca County.

On October 21, 1987, the Commission approved the actual costs GTE Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Service in the Bear River exchange in Itasca County.

On November 25, 1987, the Commission approved the additional costs U S West Communications incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in the Bear River exchange in Itasca County.

On March 16, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs Paul Bunyan Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service into service in

Itasca County.

On March 16, 1988, the Commission approved the actual costs U S West Communications incurred for the provision of 911 Emergency Service in the Big Fork/Effie exchange in Itasca County.

On June 7, 1989, the Commission approved the actual costs Deer River Telephone Company incurred for placing a portion of a 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Itasca County.

On February 9, 1996, the Commission granted Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company (IES, LLC) a Certificate of Authority to provide certain telephone services such as Enhanced 911(E911), Private Switch/Automatic Location Identification, Trunking Services, E911 Tandem Services, and data management services throughout the State of Minnesota, excluding the seven-county metropolitan area: Anoka, Hennepin, Ramsey, Washington, Carver, Scott and Dakota.

On July 19, 1996, the Commission granted an amended certificate of authority to the Company to provide 911 Emergency Services in the seven-county metropolitan area.

On August 26, 1997, Itasca County contracted for 911 Enhancement Service with IES, LLC.

On April 22, 1998, IES, LLC placed tandem based Automatic Number Identification (ANI) service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Services System in Itasca County.

On June 16, 1998, IES, LLC certified the actual costs it incurred for the provision of ANI service in the 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Itasca County.

Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company is now requesting Commission approval of the additional actual 911 system costs. Commission approval is necessary before the Department of Administration (DOA) will make payments for 911 system costs.

## FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11, subd. 3 states:

Subd. 3 (METHOD OF PAYMENT; CERTIFICATION.) A public utility incurring reimbursable costs under subdivision 1 or 2 shall certify those costs to the commissioner of administration. The certification shall be in a form as prescribed by the commissioner after consultation with the public utilities commission. If the commissioner and the commission approve the certified costs as appropriate and accurate, the commissioner shall pay the certified costs from money appropriated for that purpose within 90 days following receipt by the commissioner of the certified costs. The commissioner of administration shall estimate the amount required to reimburse public utilities for the state's obligations under subdivisions 1 and 2 of this section and the governor shall include the estimated amount in the biennial budget request.

Independent Emergency Services Limited Liability Company has certified, in writing, that the elements of 911 services and associated costs indicated on Attachment A reflect only charges for services actually rendered in the direct provision of 911 service in Itasca County.

All charges listed on Attachment A are in accordance with the Company's tariffs.

The Commission finds that the costs for 911 Emergency Telephone Service in Itasca County which have been certified by the Company are appropriate and accurate.

## Policy References:

Minn. Stat. Section 403.11 System Costs

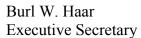
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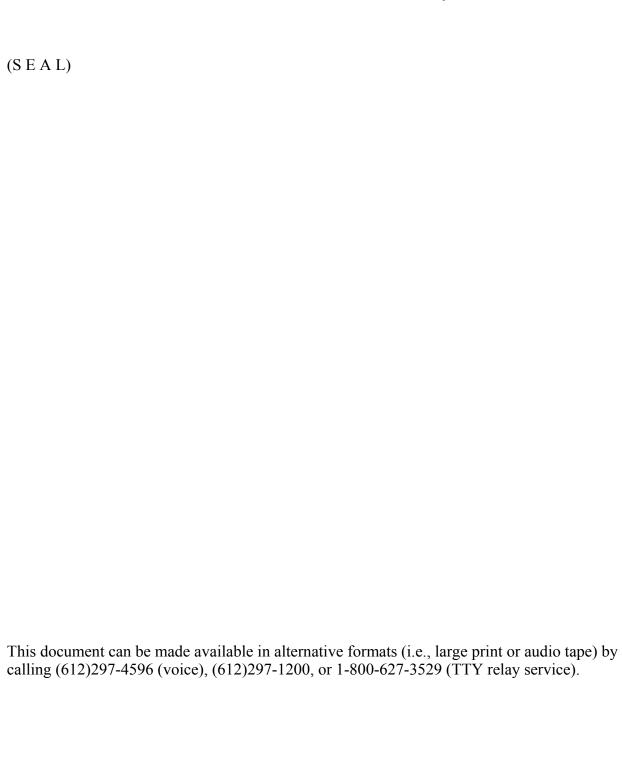
Minn. Rules, pt. 1215.1500 Funding Eligibility/Payment of Central Office Modification Costs

#### **ORDER**

- 1. The costs identified on Attachment A accompanying this Order are approved as appropriate and accurate.
- 2. This Order does <u>not</u> approve payment of any 911 system costs. Any possible future approval of payment for system costs shall be granted by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stat. Section 403.11.
- 3. This Order shall become effective immediately.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION





# **AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE**

Ι,	being first duly sworn, deposes and says:
	1998 (s)he served the attached <b>Order Approving</b> Inty 911 Emergency Telephone Service Docket No.
XX By depositing in the United copy thereof, properly envelo	States Mail at the City of St. Paul, a true and correct oped with postage prepaid
XX By personal service	
XX By inter-office mail	
to all persons at the addresses indicated bel	ow or on the attached list:
MR BILL SCHNELLMAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION 500 CENTENNIAL OFFICE BUILDING 658 CEDAR STREET ST PAUL MN 55155  JAMES R BEUTELSPACHER STATE 9-1-1 PROJECT MANAGER BUSINESS TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION 500 CENTENNIAL OFFICE BUILDING 658 CEDAR STREET ST PAUL MN 55155	MS DOROTHY JESERITZ INDEPENDENT EMERGENCY SERVICES LIMITED LIABILITY CO 235 FRANKLIN ST SW P O BOX 279 HUTCHINSON MN 553050
Subscribed and sworn to before me,	
a notary public, this day of	
, 1998.	
Notary Public	